

William “Billy” Austin

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD HS Football Player



A three-year letter winner in football, basketball, and track for Scotch Plains HS, Billy earned First Team All-State recognition during his senior year. He then went on to Rutgers University on a full scholarship, where he was a 1st Team All-American football star and team captain, not to mention two-time collegiate honorable mention All-American lacrosse player as well.

In 1958, he was named Collegiate First Team All-American Running Back and was a Heisman Trophy finalist. In his career, he gained an impressive 2,073 total yards, 204 total points, 32 touchdowns and 13 interceptions, and was drafted by the Washington Redskins in 1959. Billy was part of the inaugural class inducted into the Rutgers Football Hall of Fame in 1988. He also was inducted into both the NJ Sportswriters Association Hall of Fame and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood HS Hall of Fame.

After football, Billy changed careers and became the president & CEO of the Giant Bicycle Co. for five years before becoming chairman and COO of the Raleigh America Bicycle Co. from 1994 – 2008.

Miller Bugliari

PINGRY SCHOOL Soccer Coach



For a record 55 years as the Pingry School head soccer coach, Coach Bugliari won his 800th victory on September 16, 2014. With a current lifetime record of 812 wins, 102 losses, and 68 ties, he has had 18 undefeated seasons, holding the national record for most victories as a high school coach. His teams have won 20 state championships, 23 county championships, and had multiple undefeated streaks, including one streak that lasted 58 games (other streaks were 33, 43, then 46 games in a row without a loss).

He has earned four "National Coach of the Year" awards, been named "New Jersey State Coach of the Year" seven times and is a member of the Springfield College Hall of Fame, National High School Federation Hall of Fame, the Hall of Fame of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, the National Soccer Hall of Fame, and the New Jersey High School Hall of Fame. The *Star-Ledger* named him Coach of the Decade 1970s and he has been National Secondary Coach of the Year six times.

Miller will always be part of the Pingry School soccer program as the Basking Ridge campus has fittingly named their field, the Miller A. Bugliari World Cup Soccer Field, in his honor.

Gil Chapman

THOMAS JEFFERSON HS (now Elizabeth HS) Football Player



From star athlete to politician and businessman, Gil has been successful in all endeavors of his life. As one of the leading scorers in the history of New Jersey high school football, scoring 514 points, Gil was picked by *Parade* magazine as the “Number 1 Player in America.” He has also been selected by the *Star-Ledger* as one of New Jersey’s top ten offensive football players of the 20th century.

At Thomas Jefferson HS, he rushed for 3,200 yards in his final two years, scored three touchdowns on runs of more than 50 yards, and excelled as a punt and kickoff returner and receiver as well as running back. After playing for Thomas Jefferson HS, Gil played three years at the University of Michigan on scholarship, where he scored 18 touchdowns and gained over 2,500 total yards, including 1,090 return yards, 919 rushing yards and 517 rushing yards. He left Michigan as the all-time records leader in career kickoff return yardage (640) and single-game kickoff return yardage (125 against Illinois in 1972).

After a year in the NFL with the New Orleans Saints where he ranked fifth in the NFL with 12.2 yards per punt return and tenth with 804 total return yards, Gil changed directions, and served as city councilman back in his roots of Elizabeth,

NJ for five years. He then entered the business world, first holding key management and sales positions for the NJ Sports and Exposition Authority before becoming owner of Island Ford dealership in Staten Island. Today he serves as a board member for both the National Association of Corporate Directors/New Jersey Chapter and Northfield Bancorp Inc. NASDAQ in Woodbridge.

Jessica (Galli) Cloy

HILLSBOROUGH HS Athlete (Para Games- Track and Field)



In 1991, at the age of seven, Jessica was involved in a car accident that fractured her spine and left her paralyzed. Since her accident, she has been involved in many sports including road racing, swimming and basketball but it's in track and field where Jessica has made history. As a four-time Paralympian and seven-time Paralympic medalist, Jessica has set the world record three times in the T53 200m, 400m and 800m and has repeatedly broken her own records. In London's Paralympic Games in 2012, she beat her own world record in the T53 200m with a time of 28.93, more than a whole half second better than her first record of 29.51 seconds set at the 2007 IAAF World Championships in Osaka, Japan. In 2008,

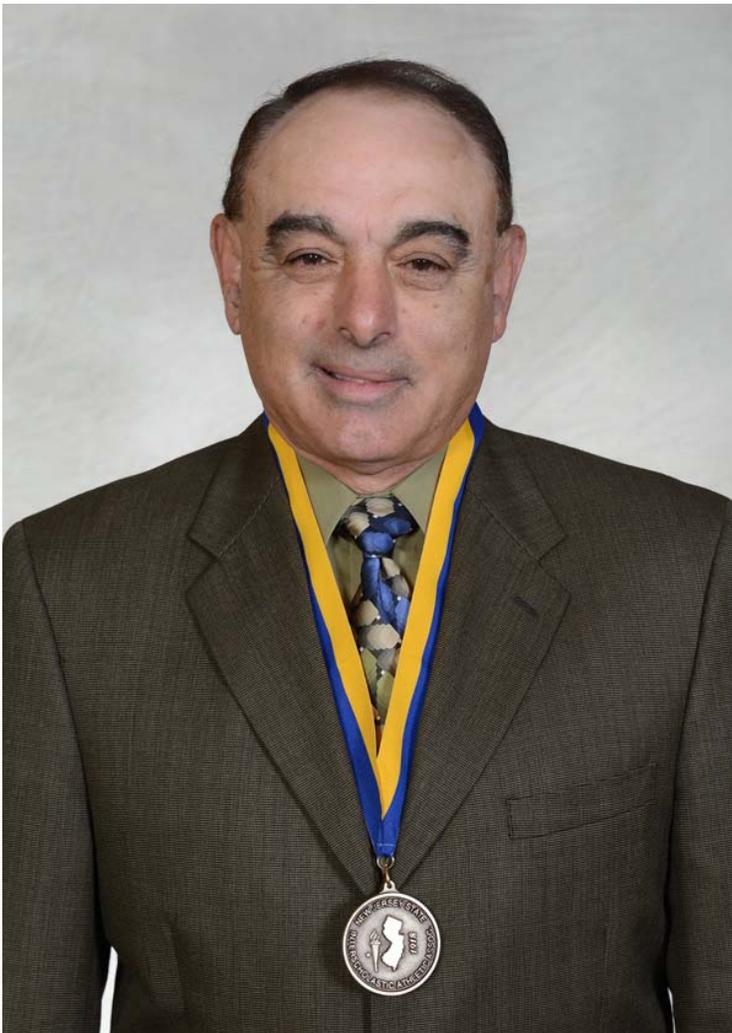
Jessica was nominated for an ESPY under the category of Best Female Athlete with a Disability and was inducted into the Hillsborough HS's Hall of Fame. She was selected as the 2007 Paralympian of the Year by the United State Olympic Committee and was the recipient of the Nationwide Achievement Award for Female Athletics and

recipient of the Track & Field Athlete of the Year presented by the USA Track Field Committee on Athletics for the Disabled.

These days Jessica serves as an advocate and voice for athletes as one of two vice-chairs on the United State Olympic Committee's Athletes' Advisory Council and is the Secretary on the Executive Board of both the Wheelchair and Ambulatory Sports, USA and the Wheelchair Track and Field, USA.

Rich Giallella

HAMILTON EAST (STEINERT) HS Baseball Coach



Anyone who played baseball in the 90s knew of the legendary Steinert dynasties, led by Coach Giallella. *Star-Ledger's* NJ HS Coach of the Decade in the 90s and one of Mercer County's best known sports figures, Rich has led his teams to five NJ State championships from 1992 – 2000. His teams were six-time Central Jersey champions, CVC Conference champions nine times and winners of the Mercer County Tournament eight times. Rich ended his career after 18 years with a 401-111 record, 13 of them with 20-win seasons.

He earned the NJ State Coach of the Year honor, was named Mercer County Coach of the Year six times, and Steinert renamed their baseball field in his honor in 2012. This is not Rich's first Hall of Fame induction, as he's been inducted into Rider College Hall of Fame for soccer and baseball, the Mercer County Sports Hall of Fame and the NJ Coaches Association HOF.

Prior to his career as teacher, coach and Athletic Director, Rich was a professional baseball player with the Philadelphia Phillies minor league organization, where he earned All-Star Game Selection twice, was the All-Star game MVP in 1974, and was the Carolina League MVP in 1970.

Gilbert J. Gibbs, Jr.*

MONTCLAIR HS Lacrosse Coach



In Gilbert's short time here on earth, he changed the landscape of lacrosse in NJ forever and left his mark on all those who played for him. From 1969 – 1978, Montclair HS went 144-10, including a state-record 42-game winning streak, won seven state championships, shared an eighth crown and played in the title game one other time. No other NJ high school has come close to duplicating that run of success in lacrosse. During the Gibbs Era, 17 Montclair players were named high school All-Americans, the most for any NJ school, and 44 of his players were selected to the 1st-team All-State team. From 1971, when the state Most Valuable Player award was given, to 1975, Montclair went five-for-five with players named NJ MVP, a record for one school. Gilbert was voted Coach of the Year in NJ four times and was selected "Man of the Year" by the US Lacrosse Association, the first time the honor was given to anyone from a secondary school. He was inducted into the inaugural class of the NJ Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame, as well as the Montclair HS Hall of Fame, and the 2010 NJSCA Hall of Fame.

To quote Marty Berman in an article written about Gibbs when he passed away at the premature age of 39, "But there was much more to Gibbs than the impressive numbers. Having never played lacrosse himself, he did not develop championship teams by just drawing the X's and O's better than his peers. He had an inspiring effect on his players, instilling in them the feelings of team togetherness, and love, which became the hallmark of the Montclair lacrosse tradition."

**Posthumous Award*

Joseph Hartmann

HADDONFIELD HS / CHERRY HILL EAST HS / EASTERN HS Baseball Player, Coach and Pioneer



Coach. Leader. Politician. Pioneer.

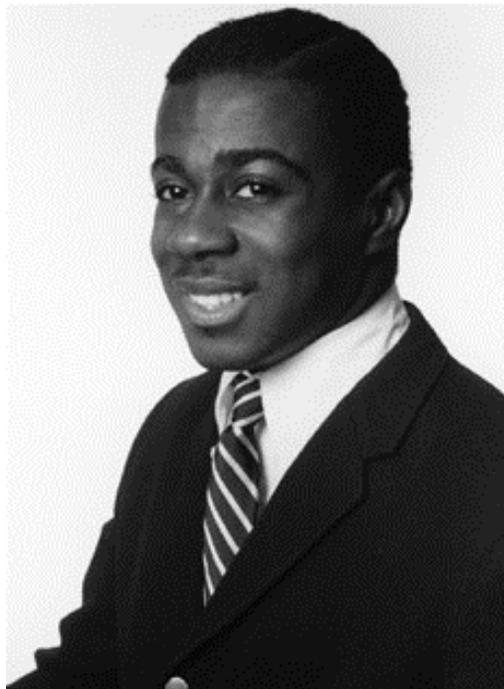
As a baseball player at Haddonfield HS, where he was a four-year starter and team captain, Joe led the team to a Colonial League championship in 1949. As a coach and administrator, he started the football and baseball programs at Cherry Hill HS East in 1964, before becoming the baseball coach and Athletic Director at Eastern HS. There his teams won 17 consecutive “all-sports awards” and five baseball American Division championships in the Olympic Conference.

As a pioneer, in 1974 Joe created the South Jersey Baseball Coaches Association (SJBCA), which includes seven South Jersey counties and is the sponsor of the Diamond Classic, currently in its 42nd year. The SJBCA hosts an annual workout for seniors only. 17 of its participants have gone on to the MLB. Joe is also one of the founding fathers of the NJSCA All-Star Baseball Game, which began in 1978 and has held leadership roles of every type for the NJSCA (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.) A born leader, Joe even spent several years in his local government as mayor of Gibbsboro from 1987-1991.

Joe has earned a multitude of awards in his lifetime, including multiple Hall of Fame honors (Haddonfield HS HOF, Eastern HS HOF, NJSCA) and will always be known as the “Dean of Baseball Coaches” in South Jersey.

Bruce Taylor

PERTH AMBOY HS Football Player



Not only was Bruce Taylor named 1st Team All-State from his days at Perth Amboy HS, he was also named a member of *Star-Ledger's* Football 'All-Decade Team' - 1960s, and ranked #10 on the *Star-Ledger* list of all-time Middlesex County Athletes. Bruce went on to play football at Boston University, where he led the nation in punt returns and in 1969 was named Boston University MVP, 1st Team All-American and New England Player of the Year. The San Francisco 49ers took notice when they chose Bruce as the 1st Defensive Back, chosen in the 1st Round of the 1970 NFL draft. In his eight NFL seasons, Bruce was named 1970 NFC Defensive Rookie of the Year, was a two-time NFC All-Pro Bowl player, and led the NFL in punt returns in both 1970 and 1971. Bruce was inducted into the Boston U. Hall of Fame, the New Jersey Sports Writers Hall of Fame, and the College Football Hall of Fame.

After football, Bruce became a Burger King franchisee, owning 18 stores in Seattle and Chicago. Now he lives in Florida, returning to his love – football. Bruce is currently the Defensive Backfield Coach at Eastlake HS in Tarpon Springs, FL where for the past two years, his teams have had undefeated regular seasons and were regional champions.